

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12, and amend claims 11, 14 and 21 as follows:

1. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A sack suitable for use as a liner in a container, comprising:

a body having an open end;

first fastening means for fastening ~~two~~ first and second drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack; and

second fastening means for fastening ~~two~~ third and fourth drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack ~~over the drawn together portions of the sack,~~

the first and second fastening means configured such that the first and second portions can be fastened over top of the third and fourth portions or the third and fourth portions can be fastened over top of the first and second portions regardless of whether the sack is in an un-reversed or reversed configuration.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The sack of claim 11, wherein at least one of the first and second fastening means comprises at least one of buttons, snaps, lengths of material, glue, tape or other adhesive type/based items, magnets, zippers, hook and latch arrangements, clasps, clips, elastic type bands, screws, bolts, post and bail systems, belts, buckles, staples, pins, padlocks, hasps, clamps, couplings, dowels, keepers, lugs, seams, rivets and belts.

14. (Currently Amended) The sack of claim 11, wherein the first fastening means comprises:

a first length of material; and

a second length of material substantially opposite the first length of material across the open end of the sack, ~~where the first and second lengths of material allow a user external to the sack to fasten the first two drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack, where the second fastening means fastens the second two substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack over the first substantially opposing drawn together portions of the sack, regardless of whether or not the sack is in a reversed or un-reversed configuration.~~

15. (Original) The sack of claim 14, wherein the first fastening means incorporates at least one grommet through which at least one of the first and second lengths of material can readily slide to facilitate operability of the first fastening means in reversed and un-reversed configurations.

16. (Previously presented) The sack of claim 14, wherein the second fastening means comprises:

at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack;

at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack;

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack; and

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack,

where the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack and the at least one

button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack may or may not correspond to the same at least one button hole(s).

17. (Previously presented) The sack of claim 16, wherein the outside of the body of the sack includes a first pattern and the inside of the body of the sack includes a second pattern, the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack corresponding to the first pattern and the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack corresponding to the second pattern.

18. – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The sack of the claim 11,
the first and second portions substantially orthogonal to the third and fourth portions.

~~the first fastening means fastening a first two drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack; and~~

~~the second fastening means fastening a second two substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack over the first two drawn together substantially opposing portions of the sack, where the first and second substantially opposing portions are substantially perpendicular to one another.~~